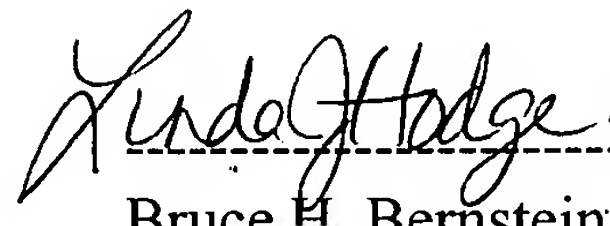


CONCLUSION

By the present Amendment, the Abstract has been amended to conform more closely to U.S. practice, and no new matter is contained therein. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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